Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 1654

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

FIKE et al.

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For:

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Culture Reagents and Methods of

Production Thereof

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Reply to Final Office Action

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 22), Applicants submit the following Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.